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For : METHOD FOR ADAPTING AN INTERNET WEB SERVER TO SHORT-TERM CHANGES IN DEMAND

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during the examination of the instant application.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Japanese Office Action (in Japanese with a partial English language translation thereof) dated January 10, 2006 and conducted in a counterpart Japanese patent application. In particular the Japanese Examiner cited:

- (1) PUPA 2000-137642;
- (2) PUPA 2001-101212; and
- (3) PUPA 2000-311135.

The following is an English language translation of a portion of page 3 of the Japanese Office Action which discusses the application of the references to claims 1-7 of the Japanese patent application, i.e., the Examiner's comments regarding lack of inventive step:

Reference 1 (Note: PUPA2000-137642) discloses an invention for selecting contents to be stored on cache of a WWW server, based on access probability. On the other hand, the technique for analyzing user's accesses to contents by using cookie is well-known technique in this technology area (for example, Reference 2 (Note: PUPA2001-101212) disclose it). Further, cache algorithm using access frequency or freshness of accesses (claim 4) is also well-known technique in this technology area. Therefore, the present invention described in claim 1-7 was easily invented based on Reference 1 and well-known technique above.

Copies of documents (1) – (3) (as well as a copy of the Japanese Office Action) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing all of the above-listed documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider documents (1) - (3) and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form with the next official communication.

Applicant acknowledges that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS) is being filed after issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits and Notice of Appeal. However, Applicants submit that consideration of the instant Supplemental IDS

is required because Applicants are herein submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees concerning the application to Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

Respectfully submitted,  
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